line 22, change "invention" to --embodiment--;

line 28, charge "invention" to --embodiment--; and

line 29, change "invention" to --embodiment--.

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line 5, change "invention" to --embodiment--; and

line 9, change "invention" to --embodiment--.

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line 25, change "transmits" to --reflects--.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8-10, 14-16 and 18-20 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A dichroic prism comprising:

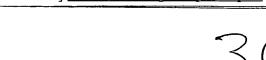
four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of at least one [said] of <u>said</u> four rectangular prisms protruding from the rectangular surfaces of other ones of said rectangular prisms, and

a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said at least one rectangular prism, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said other ones of said rectangular prisms.

(Twice Amended) A dichroic prism comprising:

four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and

a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular prisms.



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(Twice Amended) A [projection display apparatus] <u>projector</u>, comprising: an illumination optical system for emitting illumination light; colored light separation means for separating the illumination light into lights

of three colors;

three light modulation means for modulating the three colored lights based on a given image signal;

a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of at least one of said four rectangular prisms protruding from the rectangular surfaces of other ones of said rectangular prisms, and a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said at least one rectangular prism, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said other ones of said rectangular prisms; and

a projection optical system for projecting the lights synthesized by said

dichroic prism.

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(Amended) A prism unit, comprising:

a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular prisms; and

a prism stand for mounting said dichroic prism thereon, said prism stand having a step that matches a step of said dichroic prism.

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(Amended) A [projection display apparatus] projector, comprising: an illumination optical system for emitting illumination light; colored light separation means for separating the illumination light into lights of three colors;

three light modulation means for modulating the three colored lights based on a given image signal;

a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular prisms; and

a projection optical system for projecting the lights synthesized by said dichroic prism.

(Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to claim 8, said first surface part being provided with a light diffusing layer for diffusing light.

(Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to claim 4, said light diffusing layer being an adhesive layer.

(Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to claim 14, said light diffusing layer being a ground glass layer.

18. (Amended) The [projection display apparatus] projector according to claim 19, said two adjoining rectangular prisms in said first rectangular prism pair being fixed in a state shifted from each other in the longitudinal direction so that they form a step.



19. (Amended) A projection display method, comprising:emitting an illumination light;separating the illumination light into lights of three colors;

modulating the three colored lights based on a given image signal;

synthesizing the lights using a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of at least one of said four rectangular prisms protruding from the rectangular surfaces of other ones of said rectangular prisms, and a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said at least one rectangular prism, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said other ones of said rectangular prisms; and

projecting the lights synthesized by said dichroic prism.

20. (Amended) A projection display method, comprising:emitting an illumination light;separating the illumination light into lights of three colors;

modulating the three colored lights based on a given image signal;

synthesizing the lights using a dichroic prism composed of four rectangular prisms, each rectangular prism having rectangular surfaces bonded to rectangular surfaces of adjacent rectangular prisms, a first surface part of a first rectangular prism pair composed of two adjoining rectangular prisms of said four rectangular prisms protruding from a rectangular surface of a second rectangular prism pair in a longitudinal direction, and a dichroic film formed on a second surface part of said first rectangular prism pair, said second surface part not protruding from said rectangular surfaces of said [other ones] second rectangular prism pair of said rectangular prisms; and

projecting the lights synthesized by said dichroic prism.

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